Nesus between FPS and black mwketeets

2041. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that diversion of foodgrains from Fair Price Shops to open market and nexus between FPS owners and black marketeers is ram- pant in various parts of the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have consti tuted any machinery to curb such activi ties;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of cases detedted by that machinery during current year and the penalty imposed on FPS oowners foimd guilty of the malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Public I istribution System (PDS) is implemented under the joint responsibility of Central and State Governments. While theJ Cenral Government is responsible for procuring and making available the essential commodities in bulk to States. The responsibility for their distribution lies with the respective State Government. Diversion of fobdgrainS from fair price $hops to open market, if any, is detected by the State Govemment/UT Adminis-ration and necessary corrective measures taken by them. State Governments have been empowered under Essential Com-modities Act, 1955, and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 to take suitable measures to curb such activities.

(c) At Government of India's level there is no machinery for thg purpose.

(d) Does not arisfe.

(e) Does not arise.

चावल के केन्द्रीय पूल स्टाक के आंकड़ों में अंतर

2042. **प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा** : क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय और भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा चलाए गए चावल के केन्द्रीय पूल स्टाक से संबधिंत आंकडों में भारी अंतर हैं,

(ख) क्या सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत 1400 करोड़ रूपये मूल्य के चावल के गायब होने का अंदेशा है,

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में स्टाक की जांच-पड़ताल करने और विशेष लेखपरीक्षा करने के आदेश दिए हैं, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो स्टाक की जांच-पड़ताल कब पूरी हो जाएगी ?

खाद्य तथा उपभोक्ता मामलों के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह) : (क) जी, हां

(ख) जी, नहीं । भारतीय खाद्य निगम के गोदामों से चावल के गायब होने की परिकल्पना इस आधार पर की गई थी कि खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्रालय तथा भारतीय खाद्य निगम ने स्टाक संबधी स्थिति बताने के लिए जो पद्धति अपनाई थी, उस पद्धति में अंतर था । तथापि, इन विसंगतियों का समाधान किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) जी, हां । सरकार ने नियंत्रक तथा महालेखापरिक्षाक द्वारा केन्द्रीय पूल के खाद्यान्न स्टाक की विशेष लेखापरीक्षा के आवेश दिए हैं ।

(घ) स्टाक लेने की प्रक्रिया और लेखापरीक्षा के सितम्बर, 1997 के अंत तक पूर्ण हो जाने की संभावना है ।

Newsitem "Wheat stodk may fall short by 2.9 MT'

2043. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned

"wheat stock may fall Short by 2.9 mt;" appeared in The-.Hindustan Times dated My 14, 1997;

(b) the quantity of wheat produced/ procured by Government duritig last and the current season and the quantity actually supplied;

(c) whether it is a fact that the PCI grannerieS across the country are empty;

(d) if so, the Status of the wheat stock as on date;

(e) the quantity of wheat supplied through PDS during last three months. State-wise;. and ,

(f) thei quantity of wheat' estimatfed by his Ministry to be imported this year and whether the process has begun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD-SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Production of wheat during last two crop years (July—June) is given below:— . ...

(In Million Tonne)

1995-96	62.62(P)
1996-97	68.71(P)

(P : Provisional)

' The q\iantity of wheat procured for the Central Pool and the oflEtake of wheat fi-om the Central Pool during the last and current year is .given below:—

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Quantity of wheat procured	Offtake from the Central Pool
1996-97	8.18	13.33
1997-98 . Aug. '97	9.27 (Upto 4th	2.01 (Upto 30-6-97)

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The stock of wheat in the Central Pool as on 1-7-1997 is estimated at 10.99 million tonne's.

(e) A statement indicating state-wise offtake of wheat during the last three months is given in the Statement. (Sea below).

(f) Government have decided to import upto 2 million tonnes of wheat during 1997-98, against which STC has finalis ed contracts for import of 1 million ton nes from Australia in the first instance. Government constantly review the stock position of foodgrains in the Ceotral Pool with reference to production of tood-grains in the country, procurement trend, internal availability of foodgrains, require ment for PDS, foreign exchange reserves, price trends in the national and inter national market etc., and decision regard ing import or otherwise of the balancs quantity will b© taken at the appropriates time depending on the emerging situation.

Statement

Offtake ofwlieatfrom central pool for public distribution system

(Prepared on 07-07-1997) (WHEAT—1997) (in '000 Tonnes)

SI. No.	States/UTs	Apr' 97	May' 97	June' 97	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11.70 .	14.30	6.21	32.21
2.	Arunachal Pradesh . .	0.10	0.50	0.59	1 .19
3.	Assam	16.70	36.50	17.72	70.92

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Bihar.....	33.10	40.50	22.88	95.498
5.	Delhi	52.40	56.50	34.98	143. 8
6.	Goa	2.50	2.60	1.72	6.82
7.	Gujarat	34.30	83.70	36.98	154.98
8.	Haryana	14.90	10.30	5.12	30.32
9.	Himachal Pardesh .	10.10	13.80	6.80	30.70
10.	Jammu & Kashmir .	19.40	28.40	11.64	59.44
11.	Karnataka	26.90	27.00	14.77	68.67
12.	Kerala.....	32.70	45.90	20.55	99.15
13.	Madhya Pradesh	26.50	38.00	29.50	94.00
14.	Maharashtra	67.60	97.90	72.67	238.17
15.	Manipur	2.80	4.46	1.71	8.91
16.	Meghalaya	2.20	4.80	2.13	9.13
17.	Mizoram	1.20	2.50	1.05	4.75
18.	Nagaland	1.00	0.90	2.12	4.02
19.	Orissa.....	37.30	66.40	0.00	103.70
20.	Punjab . . "	5.20	1.90	0.08	7.18
21.	Rajasthan	76.10	86.30	21.83	184.23
22.	Sikkim	0.50	0.70	0.50	1.70
23.	Tamil Nadu	11.70	22.40	0.78	34.88
24.	Tripura	1.90	1.30	1.28	4.48
25.	Uttar Pradesh	82.60	91.60	58.86	233.06
26.	West Bengal	37.30	77.50	59.13	173.93
27.	A & N Island .	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.10
28.	Chandigarh	1.60	1.00	0.16	2.76
29.	D & N Haveli	0.00	0.00	Neg.	0.00
30.	Daman & Din	0.00	Neg.	Neg.	0.00
31.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.60	0.00	0.60
32.	Pondicherry	0.00	Neg.	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL:	610.40	858.20	431.76	1900.36
	CRP/BSF	2.30	2.30	2.26	6.86.
	Defence	4.10	9.40	0.00	13.50
	Bhutan.	Neg.	2.60	11.58	14.1$
	GRAND TOTAL (ALL-INDIA) :	616.80	872.50	445.60	1934.90

(P) — PROvisional (Neg.) — Below 50 Tonnes